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1. On 20 July 1951, a convoy of about 90 trucks, sedans and motorcycles was seen driving from Schweinrich (N 54/U 22) toward Neumunpin via Zechlin. The trucks were occupied by from 15 to 20 soldiers each. Another convoy of about 80 trucks, sedans and motorcycles was seen driving from the direction of Fritzwalk toward Schweinrich on 23 July. The trucks were occupied by about 20 soldiers each. While the convoy was moving, the vehicles increased the distances between each other and, then parked on the right shoulder of the road. Except for three soldiers per truck, the troops got off and sought cover from air attack as far off the road as possible while the three men remaining on each truck prepared the machine gun for AA fire.
2. Effective 9 July, only about 600 kg of meat were daily picked up for the troops in Camp Schweinrich, allegedly because some troops were away from the camp. A branch office of the Soviet komendantura from Wittstock was established at Schweinrich.

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4. A column of nine T-34/85 tanks was seen moving along the unpaved road from Waldmuehle to Branse on 30 July. A T-34 tank was loaded at the Branse railroad station on the same day. A Soviet tank officer stated that it was to be repaired in Ludwigslust. Salt from two boxcars was transloaded on trucks. A convoy of 1 jeep and 4 trucks was seen on the road to Wittstock on 1 August. The trucks towed model 1912 15-mm AT guns and were occupied by troops.

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